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1.5 (B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

1. (C) ON NOVEMBER 14, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM (OXY)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ALAN H FLANIGAN
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(D)
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COLOMBIA PRESIDENT GUIMER DOMINGUEZ TOLD ECONOFFS THAT PIPELINE SECURITY AND PRODUCTION WILL LIKELY NOT IMPROVE BEFORE YEAR'S END. THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS PIPELINE HAS BEEN DOWN SINCE OCTOBER 8. DOMINGUEZ EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT JUDICIAL AND MILITARY INITIATIVES SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR WILL ENHANCE PIPELINE SECURITY.

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GLOOMY SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK

2. (C) DOMINGUEZ EXPRESSED LITTLE HOPE FOR IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS IN PIPELINE SECURITY AND PRODUCTION. HE STATED THAT ARAUCA DEPARTMENT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY MORE UNSTABLE BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY THE GUERRILLAS AND PARAMILITARIES. ECONOMIC RECESSION.

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SUSPENDED PRODUCTION ON OCTOBER 8 AND DECLARED "FORCE MAJEURE" ON OCTOBER 9, BECAUSE OF AN UPSURGE IN PIPELINE ATTACKS -- OVER 30 ATTACKS SINCE OCTOBER 1 OR ONE-FIFTH OF THE TOTAL ATTACKS IN 2001 (REF B). DOMINGUEZ ESTIMATED LOST REVENUE CAUSED BY THE RECENT STOPPAGE AMOUNTS TO AN ESTIMATED USD 100 MILLION. ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE WITH MORE THAN 7,000 BARRELS OF OIL SPILLED OVER AN 80 KILOMETER AREA, INCLUDING THE ARAUCA RIVER THAT BORDERS VENEZUELA.

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6. (C) DOMINGUEZ EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT PIPELINE SECURITY AND PRODUCTION WOULD IMPROVE IN EARLY 2002, WHEN JUDICIAL AND MILITARY INITIATIVES MIGHT BE IN PLACE. IN JANUARY, PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE (FISCALIA) TEAMS WILL BEGIN TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE PIPELINE ATTACKS. THE FISCALIA TEAMS WILL WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COLAR 18TH BDE, WHERE THE TEAMS WILL BE HEADQUARTERED. OXY AGREED TO FUND THE ADMINISTRATIVE, HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THE TEAMS, ESTIMATED AT USD 800,000.

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OXY'S RECENT EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THE GOC AND FUND
MILITARY, JUDICIAL, AND ECONOMIC INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE
PIPELINE AND REGIONAL SECURITY GIVES THE FIRM SOME REASON
TO HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT.

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